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In re Patent Application of **Group Art Unit:** Paul Anson Brown Examiner: Not yet assigned Application No. NEW INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Filed: Herewith 2001 Ferry Building San Francisco, CA 94111 AUDIO-VISUAL PROJECTOR For: CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS ALLOWING SELECTION AMONG MULTIPLE) INPUT DEVICES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 202 31

Sir:

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